

# California OES Weather Threat Briefing

Sunday, October 25, 2020  
9:00 AM PDT

**Day 1 (Sunday):** A very critical to extreme fire weather event will start developing today, with winds significantly increasing across northern California this afternoon and evening. Both northern and southern CA will see strong winds Sunday night into Monday.

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# WEATHER KEY POINTS

**10/25/20 - 10/31/20**

## Sunday-Tuesday

- Widespread strong offshore/Santa Ana wind event expected across **both northern and southern California** Sunday through Tuesday
  - Winds will start to significantly increase across northern California Sunday afternoon and evening, with the strongest winds expected Sunday night into Monday
  - Santa Ana winds in Southern California will increase Sunday night and remain strong Monday and Tuesday
    - The deserts of Southern Region will also see gusty winds and critical fire weather conditions
  - Very critical to extreme fire weather conditions could lead to rapid spread of any new fires
    - Very dry humidity expected
  - Wind gusts of 40-60 mph expected in many locations, with local gusts of 65-75 mph possible in favored locations
  - Strongest winds of the season so far in some locations, including along the western slopes of the Sierra and in the Bay Area
  - Strong winds could cause damage to trees and power lines
- Some light rain is possible across portions of southern California and into the Sierra through early Monday, but rainfall amounts are generally not expected to be significant, and downslope winds will quickly dry conditions out again on Monday
- Much colder temperatures for the weekend into early next week, including in Southern California

## Wednesday-Saturday

- Lighter winds are expected for mid-to-late week, though conditions will remain dry across the state
- Precipitation is possible across far northern California late in the week, but confidence in details is low at this time



# CALIFORNIA WEATHER IMPACTS

10/25/20 - 10/31/20

<u>Hazards / Day</u>	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Non-Thunderstorm Damaging Winds</b>	Inland/ Coastal	All Regions	All Regions				
<b>Snow</b>							
<b>Coastal Flooding</b>							
<b>River Flooding</b>							
<b>Thunderstorms</b> (Wind / Hail / Tornadoes)							
<b>Fire Weather</b> (Low Humidity / Wind / Dry Thunderstorms)	Inland/ Coastal	All Regions	All Regions	All Regions	All Regions	All Regions	All Regions
<b>Heat Risk</b>							
<b>Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding / Debris Flow</b>							
<b>Cold</b>	Inland/ Coastal	All Regions	All Regions				



No Impacts



Minimal Impacts



Moderate Impacts



Severe Impacts

# PRECIPITATION FORECAST 10/25/20 - 10/27/20



Sunday



Monday



Tuesday

Precipitation (inches)



# **WEATHER OUTLOOK**

## **10/30/20 - 11/07/20**

### **6-10 Day Outlook (October 30 – November 3)**

#### **Temperatures**

- Above normal temperatures favored statewide

#### **Precipitation**

- Below normal precipitation slightly favored statewide

### **8-14 Day Outlook (November 1– November 7)**

#### **Temperatures**

- Above normal temperatures strongly favored statewide

#### **Precipitation**

- Near normal precipitation favored, except above normal precipitation slightly favored in far northern California



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